മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എം. കൃഷ്ണമേനോൻ.—(a) ഗസറാ'ിലെ പരസ്യത്തിൽ പ റഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതിൽ കൂടുതലായി ഒന്നുംചെയ്യുവാൻ ഗവമ്മെണ്ടു ഇപ്പോൾ വിചാ ാ ക്കുന്നില്ല.

(b) ഗസറ" മേശപ്പുറത്തു വെച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്".

Timber served by the Tramway.

266. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state for the year 1105:—

(a) the quantity of timber of each variety felled in the area served by the Tramway;

(b) the total quantity of each variety carried down by the Tramway;

(c) the collection charges for the same;

(d) the price realised by the sale of timber of each variety and the quantity sold of each variety;

(e) the charges for the maintenance of the Tramway; and

(f) the profit or loss on account of the Tramway?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(a) Teak 1,603 candies.

Blackwood	880	do
Junglewood	8,354	do

(b) 1st class, *i. e.*, teak and blackwood 3,446-21-16-10½.

2nd class, *i. e.*, species other than teak and blackwood 7,669-20-0-5.

(c) Rs. 39,543-10-8.

(d) Teak Cds. 5033-2-14-1¾—Rs. 1,77,146-2-8.

Blackwood Cds. 7,971-15-9-12¾—Rs. 96,275-2-9.

Junglewood Cds. 6,094-0-21-11¾—Rs. 1,01,976 5-11

(e) Rs. 1,12,145-8-3.

(f) Profit Rs. 2,911-0-0.

Ernakulam Timber Depot.

267. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table of the House the notes of inspection of the Ernakulam timder depot under the Forest Department while Forester Mr. P. Sankara Menon was in charge of the depot, as a result of which inspection the said Forester was made liable for some amount and was asked to go on leave;

(b) for how much money was he made liable and how was that amount realised;

(c) how many private depots are now there near the Ernakulam timber depot and who are the proprietors of the same and from whom have they taken the plots for lease;

(d) (i) were lands leased for private depots near that locality got back by the department; if so (ii) from whom; (iii) for what reason and when?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(a) a copy of the notes of inspection is placed on the Council table.

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(b) (1) Rs. 18,643-12-3 including value of missing logs found out after verification of the balance stock.

(2) Out of the amount of Rs. 18,643-12-3 Rs. 12,331-12-3 was remitted partly by the original defaulters, partly by the Forester and partly by his sureties and the balance sum of Rs. 6,312 was eliminated.

(c) (1) Four.

(2) (i) Messrs. Mugaseth and sons, (ii) Mr. T. Achyutan, (iii) Mr. T. Govindan and (iv) Mr. V. K. Ammunni Menon.

(3) No. (i) from the South Indian Railway Company and the rest from the Forest Department.

(d) (i) Yes (ii) Mr. T. R. Ramanatha Ayyar, 2. Mr. T. K. Augustine 3. Mr. K. V. Joseph and 4. Mr. T. Achyutan (a portion only). (iii) 1. No. 1 vacated the area on his own accord on 1-5-1102.

2. By relinquishment by the death of the party with effect from 1-4-1103.

3. On his own accord on 23-1-1105.

4. Do do on 1-1-1106.

Education Department.

268. **Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—Will the Government be pleased to state an approximate sum of money that is saved by the Government by the introduction of

(1) the half-time system,

(2) the fixing the minimum strenth of a class,

(3) the fixing the maximum strength of a class,

(4) the practice of allowing the school to be opened before formally giving sanction of recognition and grant?

Mr I. N Menon.—(1) About Rs. 40,000.

(2) Rs. 2,080.

(3) Rs. 2,300.

(4) Nearly Rs. 20,000.

(The figures relate to the year 1105.)

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—May I know whether the department is aware that the efficiency of education is going down according to the half-time system?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The system, I would like to inform the Member, was adopted as a financial exigency rendered by the rapid advance in education and to a certain extent the expansion of education has to be sacrificed in respect of intensity of work. The half-time system was bound to be of some hardship and a certain lowering of efficiency.

Mr. I. E. Ambooken.—May I know whether the Government is aware that the half-time system was tried in Travancore and it was stopped afterwards?

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